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BRITISH GATHER MUNITIONS FOR GIGANTIC SPRING DRIVE

DEMOCRATS OBJECT TO NEW INCREASE OF SUGAR TARIFF

But Imperative Need May Force Restoration of Payne-Aldrich Rates; Consumers' Tax Entirely Unlikely

By C. S. ALBERT
(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—Sugar appears to be held as a reserve force in all the plans thus far proposed for raising sufficient revenue to meet the promised deficit of \$300,000,000. All suggestions regarding additional taxation on that article are purely tentative and brought forward by legislators of lesser prominence, who will have little to do with shaping final results. Numerous other articles, including coffee and tea, are given preference when the subject of increasing the dutiable list is mentioned. This is due to the fact that the Democrats were pledged to "free sugar," becoming effective nearly a year ago, and do not care to recede from that position more than is absolutely necessary.

The chief proposal concerning sugar is that of increasing the present tax of 1 cent per pound to the former rates carried by the Payne-Aldrich act. The Republicans would join the Democrats in any effort looking to the accomplishment of such legislation. It would be a triumph for their protective tariff doctrine. The Democrats do not care to afford the Republicans such ground for gratification and crowing if it can be avoided.

The plan to impose a consumer's tax on sugar, payable at the retail price, frequently is broached but meets with little favor. Senator Simmons and other members of the finance committee are unalterably opposed to this idea. They realize this tax must be paid directly by the consumer and would add to the cost of the poor man's breakfast. For this and other sentimental reasons they are steering away from a consumer's tax. They prefer to raise the money by almost any other method. They would even go so far as to propose bringing coffee up to a level with sugar, as viewed from a purely domestic basis, before further taxing sugar. In addition, the Democrats could hope for no assistance from the Republicans in placing a consumer's tax on sugar. The minority party would oppose in all possible ways the imposition of a tax on the consumption of sugar.

Stocks Show Slight Gain

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today.	Saturday.
Alaska Gold	9	8 3/4
American Smelter	106 3/4	106 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	111 3/4	110 3/4
American Tel. & Tel.	123 1/2	123 1/2
Anacosta Copper	84 1/2	82 1/2
Atchafalpa	104 1/2	104 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	55 1/2	54 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	83 3/4	83 3/4
Bethlehem Steel	47 1/2	47 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	25 1/2	26 1/2
Canadian Pacific	159 1/2	158 1/2
C. & N. P. (St. Paul)	90	89 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	45 1/2	45 1/2
Crescent Steel	62 1/2	62 1/2
Eric Common	32 3/4	32 3/4
General Electric	168 1/2	168 1/2
General Motors	116	116
Great Northern Pfd.	116	116
Inter. Harv. N. J.	120 1/2	118 3/4
Kennecott Copper	45 3/4	45 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	77 1/2	77 1/2
New York Central	101	101 1/4
Pennsylvania	56 1/2	56 1/2
Ray Consol.	26 1/2	26 1/2
Southern Pacific	97 1/4	96 3/4
Studebaker	105	104 1/2
Texas Oil	232	230 1/2
Union Pacific	143 3/4	143 1/2
U. S. Steel	111 3/4	111 1/4
U. S. Steel Pfd.	120 1/2	120 1/2
Utah	104 1/2	104 1/2
Western Union	95 3/4	95 3/4
Westinghouse	52 1/2	52 1/2

*Bld. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

HOPE ABANDONED FOR MILWAUKEE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
EUREKA, Cal., Jan. 15.—There appears to be no hope of salvaging the United States cruiser Milwaukee, which went aground here Saturday in attempting to pull from the rocks the submarine H-3, which struck December 14.

MINNESOTA SINKS, BUT WHAT MINNESOTA PUZZLES MARINE MEN IN HONOLULU

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, Eng., Jan. 15.—The steamer Minnesota sank at her dock after a collision, says a Lloyd's despatch.

AMUSEMENT PIER FROWNED ON BY COMMISSIONERS

Harbor Board Does Not Agree With Forbes on Project He Is Forwarding

Harbor commissioners do not agree with their chairman, Charles R. Forbes, as to the needs of an amusement pier at the foot of Fort street. It was learned today, and as a result the plans announced by that official some months ago are likely to be thrown into the discard.

Mainlander For Federal Bench Prediction Now

A mainlander is likely to be chosen to succeed Charles F. Clemons on the federal bench. Private advices from Washington received by the Star-Bulletin today say that "the probabilities are for a mainlander man in the federal judgeship." The authority for this tip also foretold the appointment of James L. Cooke to the supreme bench, so it looks as if the information comes pretty straight.

STOWS AWAY TO AID HER SISTER

"I did it because my 16-year-old sister is in trouble in Honolulu and I had to come to her," was the only reason Miss Grace Williams, 25, a pretty young woman, who stowed away on the Oceanic liner Ventura in San Francisco and arrived here this morning, gave to officers of the steamer as her motive.

Admiral Dewey Is At Point of Death

Hero of Battle of Manila Bay Sinking Slowly, After General Breakdown—Seriously Ill for Five Days

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—Admiral George Dewey, president of the General Navy Board, is seriously ill here and grave alarm is felt over his condition. He has been confined to his bed for five days suffering from what the physicians say is a general breakdown. They issued a bulletin today saying that he is "slowly sinking."

BELIEVES OAHU WILL HAVE BIG AVIATION BASE

Earl Remington, President of California Flyer, Talks of Society's Work

Hawaii as the outpost of the Pacific is destined to become a great aviation base. In the opinion of Earl Remington, president of the Aeronautical Society of California, who with Mrs. Remington, is in the city.

Congressmen In Favorable Mood Towards Hawaii

Writing from Washington to the editor of the Star-Bulletin, Robert W. Breckons, Republican national committee man, who is working on several pieces of legislation with Delegate Kuhio, says:

"DADDY" SILVERWOOD OF LOS ANGELES TO VISIT HAWAII SOON

"Daddy" Silverwood, sometimes known by his "business name" of Frank C. Silverwood, is coming back to Hawaii.

Cuba Shipments Show Increases

Alexander & Baldwin this morning received from their New York house the following week-end sugar market letter:

BOURBONS WANT W. C. PETERSEN AS POSTMASTER

Cable Recommendations to Capital; Report Barron After Job and in Washington

Honolulu's next postmaster will be a local resident, and not a mainland one, as recommendations made by the territorial Democratic central committee are followed by the postoffice department in filling the vacancy now existing in the Honolulu office.

Many Hunt Lost Flyers

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
YUMA, Ariz., Jan. 15.—Four civilian aviators and two automobiles are searching for the two army flyers who have failed to return to the North Island aviation field near San Diego, following a flight into Mexico last Wednesday. The flight was unauthorized.

NEW PAROLE SYSTEM HELPS TO ELIMINATE "COMEBACKS," HE SAYS

Under the new parole system recently adopted by the board of industrial schools, 85 per cent of the usual "second terms" that is, boys released from the reform school at Walsale and sent back again for other offenses—will stand by their agreements and behave themselves, in the opinion of Supt. Frederick Anderson.

GREATEST OFFENSIVE OF WAR NOW EXPECTED TO BE LAUNCHED ON WESTERN FRONT IN SPRING

England Speeds up Huge Plants, Adding Weekly to Stores—Submarine Nearing America, Believed to Be Deutschland

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, Eng., Jan. 15.—The Allies are apparently planning for the most tremendous offensive this year that has been launched in all the two years and a half of great, concerted attacks.

GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 14.—Official report of the war office says that neither on the east nor west front is there anything important.

GERMAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS

TERNS, Jan. 13.—North of Ancre the British today launched new attacks against Serre. The greater part were repulsed. In one position the enemy gained a footing. We hold the main position.

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TEUTONS REPULSE ALL RUSSO-RUMANIAN EFFORTS TO RETAKE POSITIONS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 15.—Russo-Rumanian attacks on positions recently captured by the Teutons north of Susitsa valley have been repulsed, according to official statement today. Little activity was reported on any front.

DUTCH WARSHIP TAKES GERMAN SUBMARINE TO FLUSHING; INTERNED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, Eng., Jan. 15.—A Dutch warship has brought a German submarine to Flushing, and the submarine has been interned, it being alleged that it violated the neutrality of Dutch waters.

Liebkecht Again Provokes Officials

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, Eng., Jan. 15.—According to a despatch from the Central News Agency which has been relayed here, Karl Liebkecht, the German socialist, has received a sentence of an additional four and one-half years at hard labor, and has been ordered expelled from the Berlin bar.

Deutschland Said On Third Trip Now

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 15.—A submarine is reported by ships at sea to be moving westward on the Atlantic, about 800 miles west of Newport, evidently approaching American shores. It is believed to be the Deutschland, which is about due on her third trip from Bremen.

ALLIES PRESSING HARD ON GREECE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
ATHENS, Greece, Jan. 15.—The Allies have occupied Corfu, the principal port and city of the Ionian Islands.